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Moulton's Ranch near Heber City Wasatch Co. Utah November 6th 1879

A Blessing given by John Smith Patriarch of the church upon the head of William Denton Moulton son of Thomas and Sarah Moulton Born in Leicester Northamptonshire England July 17th 1843

Brother W^m Moulton in the name of Jesus Christ I place my hands upon your head and pronounce and seal a blessing upon thee as the Spirit shall dictate. Thou art of the House of Israel and numbered with the sons of Zion of whom much is expected. And I say unto you be of good faith, and of good cheer, and seek to know the will of the Lord concerning thee. Thou art of the blood of Joseph through the loins of Ephraim and entitled to the blessings of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, with the gifts of the Priesthood. therefore seek diligently to inform thy mind in regards to the principles of life and salvation, for the time is not far distant when thou shalt be called to labor in the ministry. It shall be thy lot also to travel much for the Gospel sake and assist in gathering scattered Israel, and thy voice shall be heard in defence of truth and virtue both at home and abroad, on land and water. For the eye of the Lord hath been upon thee from thy birth. The Angel which was given thee in thy youth hath preserved thee from the evil of the world, delivered thee from thine enemies and raised up friends unto thee among strangers, as he has watched over thee in the past. As he has watched over thee in the past

He will guide thy footsteps in the future and direct thy course for the building up of the Kingdom of ~~God~~ upon the earth. Therefore be you ready, listen to the prompting of the Master within thee and honor thy calling for the blessing of the Lord shall attend thy labors spiritual and temporal, thou shalt feed the hungry clothe the naked and cause the hearts of the fatherless to rejoice and as a Father in Israel thy name shall be known far and near. The Lord hath heard thy petition and is pleased with thy integrity. He hath removed rhorns of the stumbling blocks from thy pathway, therefore give praise unto Him and it shall be well with thee both here and hereafter and thy days and years shall be prolonged until thou hast finished thy mission and secured unto thyself the blessing of Eternal life with a name which shall be handed down in honorable remembrance with thy Posterity from generation to generation. This Blessing I seal upon thy head, and I seal ~~upon thy head~~ thee up unto Eternal life to come forth in the morning of the first Resurrection a servant in the Fathers house ever so Amen.

Patriarchal Blessing of Wm. D. Moulton
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